

Colorado Desert Archaeology Society
8th Annual Archaeology Weekend
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center
Borrego Springs, California
April 9-10, 2011



A TRIBUTE TO BOB BEGOLE
Mr. Archaeology of the Anza-Borrego Desert

Saturday, April 9, 2011

Events:

- 9 - 4:30 **Silent Auction** at the Begole Archaeological Research Center. Bidding closes 4:30 pm.
Winning bids announced 5:00 pm. (Winners need not be present)
- 9– 4:00 **Native American Basket and Pottery Display and Demonstrations.** (Craft items for sale)
- 9:30 - 4 **Tours of the Archaeology Lab.**
Groups depart Visitor Center front door approximately every half hour.
- 9:30 - 3 **Kids Activities:** Fun table with archaeology crafts and games.
- 10 - 3 **Display: Desert Plant Use by Native Americans: food, clothing, & medicine.**
By: ABDSP Volunteer Naturalist, Marge Hatcher.
- 10 - 12 **Pottery Making Demonstration** - Includes clay grinding and paddle & anvil construction techniques.
By Archaeology volunteer. Carol Black. (Clay will be available for spectator participation)
- 3 - 5:30 **Free Ice Cream Social:** Announcement of silent auction winning bids at 5:00.
Begole Archaeological Research Center.

Lectures:

- 9:30 - 11 **A Tribute to Bob Begole, 1919-2010** - An Archaeologist that recorded over 3,000 sites during 35-years of work in the Anza-Borrego Desert region, with an update on the late Pleistocene (Malpais pattern) archaeological hypothesis that Bob Begole subscribed to and searched for the evidence of during his long career. By: Archaeologists: Joan Schneider, John Foster, Paul Chase. Tim Gross, Sue Wade; Historian, Diana Lindsay; retired Park superintendent, Mark Jorgensen.
- 11 – 12 **Early Man in the Southern Deserts** - By Dr Tim Gross – Professor of Archaeology at the University of San Diego
- 1 – 2:00 **Sourcing the Stone: The Southern California Soapstone chemical Sources Characterization and Stone Bead Provenience Project** - This lecture will present the results of the southern California LA-ICP-MS soapstone chemical source characterization and artifact provenience project. Several years of field and lab analysis have resulted in the development of a soapstone sourcing methodology that can successfully distinguish soapstone from the three major southern California source locations: 1) Catalina Island, 2) Los Angeles (Sierra Pelona), 3) San Diego. By: Begole Grant Recipient – John Eddy, Associate Archaeologist/GIS Applied EarthWorks.
- 2:30–3:30 **Ceramic Compositional Studies in the Anza-Borrego Desert, 200-2010** - Compositional studies have helped us to recognize variability in pottery from desert sites and to better understand pottery making traditions and circulation in the San Diego region. This presentation will provide an overview of results from studies carried out by Begole Grant recipients Dr. Patrick Quinn (University of Sheffield, UK) and Dr. Margie Burton.
By: Dr. Margie Burton, Research Director, San Diego Archaeological Center.

Sunday, April 10, 2011

Events:

- 9 - 2:00 **Native American Basket and Pottery Display and Demonstrations.** (Craft items for sale)
- 9:30 -12 **Tours of the Archaeology Lab.**
Groups depart Visitor Center front door approximately every half hour.
- 10–3:00 **Display: Desert Plant Use by Native Americans:** food, clothing, & medicine.
By: ABDSP Volunteer Naturalist, Marge Hatcher.
- 12–1:00 **Walk: Desert Drug Store.** By: ABDSP Certified Interpretive Guide, Abby Barker
- 10 - 12 **Pottery Making Demonstration** - Includes clay grinding and paddle & anvil construction techniques.
By: Archaeology volunteer, Toni Kastelic. (Clay will be available for spectator participation)

Field Trips

Yaqui Pass Rock Cairn Alignment – (10:00 – 12:30) Bob Begole was an excellent field archaeologist - he saw things and object relationships that others didn't! Visit one of his favorite site types: lines of rock cairns and then sites that Bob recorded. One is a complex of rock cairns and hunting blinds that are difficult to see - unless you know how to look. A hypothesis has been recently developed regarding the function of these archaeological features (based on scientific knowledge) and your field trip guide will tell you about it. This site is one of many of this type throughout ABDSP that Bob recorded. The second site is what we call a "new-age site." You will learn why archaeologists call it by this name. It is very photogenic, so bring your cameras.

Both sites require short hikes that are fairly steep. You need to be sure-footed and wear appropriate footwear. Parking may be challenging, so be prepared to carpool from the Visitor's Center; no need to have 4-wheel drive or high clearance vehicles. Meet at the far back corner of the VC parking lot at 10 AM sharp. Size of the group is limited, so sign up early at the ABF. Wear hats, bring water and your sharp eyes. This will be a learning experience. Field trip will last approximately 2.5 hours.
Led by CDAS Archaeology Volunteers Deborah Corbett and Stan Rohrer

Blair Valley Morteros & Yoni Site – (10:00 – 3:00) This field trip will begin with a 10:00 AM PowerPoint presentation at the Visitor Center titled: *Yonis: Fact or Fiction*. After the lecture we will drive (40 miles) to the Morteros Indian Village site in Little Blair Valley, where we will view and discuss morteros, yonis, pictographic rock art, and other archaeological features. Hike is moderate and will take about an hour and half. Bring water, wear hats and hiking shoes. Note: One hour drive from Visitor Center, 2/wheel drive high clearance recommended.

Led by CDAS Archaeology Volunteer Lloyd Richard – Chair Colorado Desert Archaeology Society.

Pre-registration and \$5.00 fee required for all field trips. For reservations call ABF at 760/767-4063.

During Archaeology Weekend: Check for last-minute field trip openings at the ABF table in front of the Visitor's Center.

Bob Begole 1919-2010



Bob Begole, Mr. Archaeology of the Anza-Borrego Desert region, spent over three decades recording more than 3,000 cultural sites in the Park as a professionally accredited volunteer archaeologist. Bob began to locate and record sites in 1955, with a special interest in "Early Man." He served for years on the Anza-Borrego Foundation Acquisitions Committee. The Begole Archaeological Research Center, which houses the Colorado Desert District's archaeology staff and provides archival facilities, including his extensive collection of artifacts, was built as a result of his \$500,000 donation. Bob also funded an endowment which provides \$10,000 annually to support archaeological research in the region.